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SUBJECT: CIEC: EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF
ENERGY COMMISSION

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1. SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE
RESULTS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF ENERGY COMMISSION. THEY
ARE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR PRAISE OF BOSWORTH'S HANDLING OF THE
CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND SEEK CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE
US PRIOR TO SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE DIALOGUE
WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE RESULTS OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION.
WHILE THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE DIFFICULT SUBJECTS STILL LIE
AHEAD THEY ARE SATISFIED THAT THE SESSION OPENED ON THE
MOST POSITIVE POSSIBLE NOTE. THEY ARE GRATIFIED THAT
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COOPERATION AMONG THE FIVE AND THE EIGHT WENT AS

SMOOTHLY AS IT DID AND BELIEVE THAT EVEN THOUGH THE MECHANISM FOR COORDINATING AMONG THE EC-9 IS CUMBERSOME IT WENT FAIRLY SMOOTHLY.

3. THEY SHARE THE US VIEW ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE NEXT STEP A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE ENERGY SITUATION BUT EMPHASIZE THAT ALL CONCERNED MUST REALIZE THAT THIS WILL ONLY BE A BEGINNING. ALTHOUGH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE YET WHAT WILL RESULT FROM THE DIALOGUE, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE NINETEEN WILL INSIST ON SOME CONCRETE RESULTS. IT WOULD BE FUTILE AND DANGEROUS FOR THE EIGHT TO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THIS.

4. COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR HYDROCARBONS BRONDEL EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A CERTAIN TRADE-OFF BETWEEN PROGRESS IN THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SEES THE HAND OF THE EIGHT AS BEING WEAKER IN THE RAW MATERIAL AND ENERGY COMMISSIONS THAN IN THE FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS. THEREFORE, TO GET CONCESSIONS FROM THE NINETEEN ON RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE EIGHT TO TRADE OFF CONCESSIONS IN DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE.

5. OUR SOURCES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND EC DELEGATIONS. BRONDEL ON A PERSONAL BASIS WONDERED IF IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL FOR THE US AND EC DELEGATIONS TO MEET INFORMALLY PRIOR TO COMMISSION MEETINGS. AT SOME POINT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO BEGIN TO DECIDE JUST WHAT WE CAN EXPECT TO GET OUT OF THE DIALOGUE AND WHILE DISCUSSIONS IN THE IEA ARE USEFUL, HE BELIEVES THEY ARE SOMEWHAT TOO RIGID FOR THIS KIND OF PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

6. THE COMMISSION SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON FORECASTS OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND IN THE COMMUNITY FOR 1985 AND PERHAPS 1990 UNDER VARIOUS HYPOTHESES OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT. THEY EXPECT TO HAVE A PAPER READY FOR DISCUSSION BY THE EC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENERGY GROUP ON MARCH 5 AND ARE EXPECTING TO HAVE COMPLETED WORK AND FORWARDED THEIR STUDY TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CIEC BY MARCH 10. OUR SOURCES NOTE THAT THE US IS ALSO PREPARING PAPERS. THEY HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO KEEP THEM AS CLOSELY INFORMED AS POSSIBLE OF OUR PROGRESS. HINTON

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